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Right-wing Preacher Tells Disciples: Fulbright Must Be Defeated This Year

New York Times News Service

Tulsa, Jan. 30. — Rev. Billy James Hargis exhorted a right-wing gathering today to work for conservative control of the House of Representatives this year. He also urged defeat of Senator J. William Fulbright (Dem., Ark.).

Hargis, 36, a Tulsa evangelist, told an "Anti-Communist Leadership School" that the election of conservative Democrats and Republicans would give the conservative coalition in Congress control of the House.

The School is sponsored by Christian Crusade, an ultra-conservative organization directed by Hargis. It is designed to acquaint "students" with what the far right considers the threat of internal Communist subversion of the American way of life so they can carry the word home to local groups.

Enrolled are about 150 college students, ministers, businessmen, doctors, publishers, and others. Many are members of extremist organizations throughout the country.

Hargis urged them to stop talking primarily to each other about Communist subversion and start talking to others.

"The way to stop the liberal Harvard program that is being proposed in Washington right now," he said, "is to elect conservative congressmen."

He urged the "students" to stop thinking about Senator Barry M. Goldwater (Rep., Ari.) for president in 1964 and concentrate first on this year.

"Talk about Goldwater in 1964," he shouted. "I'm interested in Kennedy in 1962."

He said it was "pure foolishness" to worry about restoring the Republican Party to power. The important thing, he said, is the election of conservatives, regardless of party.

"In the South you've got to elect conservative Democrats and in the north conservative Republicans," he counseled.

He told his listeners that Representative Dale Alford (Dem., Ark.) had told him this morning that "talk is wonderful" but must be converted into political action.

The evangelist urged the "students" to give time and money to bring about the election of rightists to join "the John Roussetts [California Republican], the James Utts [California Republican], the William Jennings Bryan Dorns [South Carolina Democrat], and the Page Helchers [Oklahoma Republican]" already in Congress.

Fulbright 'Must Go'

He said Fulbright "has got to be defeated." He urged his followers to seek to induce Governor Faubus to run against him.

"I know Faubus thinks right on the anti-Communist fight," he said.

Fulbright is a prime target of the ultra-conservatives because of

his views on a number of issues, including a review of speeches by military officers. Rightists consider that his recent memorandum upholding review influenced the Pentagon policy they believe "muzzles" officers such as former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, a member of the John Birch Society who quit the Army after being admonished for political indoctrination of his troops.

Birchist Speaks

A member of the National Council of the Birch Society, Professor Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois, who with Hargis is a member of the "faculty" of the five-day "School" in the Mayo Hotel here, preceded the evangelist to the rostrum.

Oliver denounced the "unspeakably vile attack" on Walker. He said no one could "reasonably doubt that that campaign was part of a general campaign to stamp out resistance to the Communist conspiracy within our borders."

He said he was afraid "traitors" had "entrenched themselves" within the Defense Department. He also charged that the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency had been "thoroughly infiltrated" with Communist sympathizers.